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5 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Materials Division
FROM: Chief, Fuels and Power Branch
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for December 1958

I. Accomplishments:

A. Reports Completed and Forwarded:

1. Project 20.1776, The Role of the Soviet Raw Material and Energy Base in Economic Growth. The electric power section was revised in the light of recent information and desires of the coordinator.
2. Project 20.1828, NIS 13A, East Germany, Section 62, Fuels and Power was forwarded to the Division office.

B. Support Projects Completed:

Project 00.2416, Priority Gaps in Intelligence. The revised contribution on electric power in the USSR was forwarded.

C. Support Activities:

- Review*
1. A summary of Free World proved crude oil reserves was prepared for use by the DCI as background material for an OCB meeting.
 2. what materials? *Ind, had, per USSR.* Background materials were prepared for use by the DCI in briefing a representative of CBS.
 3. At the request of DDP representatives, cable requirements were prepared for use in debriefing a Chicom source.
 4. Support was given to the Office of Logistics, DD/S, on the subject of electric power planning for logistics purposes.
 5. The library was requested to subscribe to and place on reserve certain German language materials useful for information on the Satellites.
 6. [REDACTED] was supplied with support materials 25X1A6a which it had requested.
 7. Review of the JAEIC ^{*Materials*} Working Group contribution to NIE-11-2-59 was initiated and comments are being prepared.
 8. Draft of a proposed economic section of NIE 11-2-59 is in preparation for the JAEIC Economic Working Group.
- Review*

D. New Development Observed:

A newly acquired Russian Language publication included forms for reporting industrial output under the Seven Year Plan. The forms make reference to a new grade of jet fuel. Although detailed specifications were lacking, indication that the Soviets intend to produce a new grade of jet fuel is of interest. Responsible personnel at Fort Meade have been alerted and the item will be discussed with technical intelligence personnel in the near future.

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II. Program:

A. Projects Initiated:

1. Project 43.2307, Pattern of Petroleum Traffic in the USSR, 1953-1957. The M/FP contribution to S/TR, scheduled to take 100 hours of research time, is due on 2 February 1959.
2. No requirements for a Satellite NIE have been received by D/A. D/A is preparing some materials in anticipation that there will be such an NIE. The M/FP contribution is expected to be primarily consultation.

B. Projects Cancelled or Postponed:

Project 28.2338, Petroleum Storage Facilities in China may have to be cancelled due to loss of personnel and the assignment of new additional duties to remaining personnel. Whether or not cancellation is necessary will depend upon the time required to complete the current NIE on China.

C. Projects Suggested:

Consideration is being given to establishment of an annual project designed to provide a brief summary of the fuels and power industries of China. Experience indicates that there is consumer interest in this type of intelligence which, although included in contributions to the annual NIE, rarely appears in the IP or completed NIE.

III. Administration:

A. Personnel:

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1. [REDACTED] joined the Soviet Electric Power Section on December 15.

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2. [REDACTED], Secretary of the Satellite Section, was on sick leave for three weeks. During her absence [REDACTED], a recent addition to the Branch, performed the duties of Section Secretary in a very capable manner.

B. Branch Structure:

No changes.

C. Training:

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1. [REDACTED] attended the O/TR course in Basic Supervision (8-19 December).

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2. [REDACTED] attended the O/TR German Workshop course (14 Oct-18 Dec).

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3. [REDACTED] attended the O/TR course in Basic Management (1-12 Dec).

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4. [REDACTED] attended the Armed Forces Special Weapons Center Advanced Orientation Course at Sandia Base, New Mexico (1-5 Dec).

D. Trips:

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[REDACTED] conferred in New York with the Petroleum Industry Advisory Panel [REDACTED].

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IV. Comments:

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[REDACTED] has requested reassignment within the Agency.

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